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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:)
PHILIP S. GREEN) Examiner: Richard Lee
Application No.: 08/709,930) Art Unit: 2713
Filed: September 9, 1996) PETITION TO EXTEND TIME UNDER
For: SURGICAL SYSTEM) 37 CFR §1.136(a)

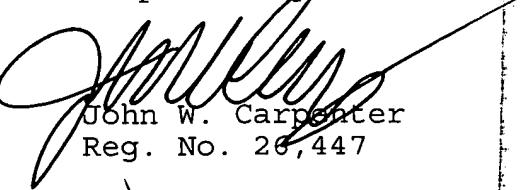
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Sir:

Applicant petitions the Assistant Commissioner of Patents to extend the time for response to the Office Action, dated June 1, 1998 for one month, from September 1, 1998 to October 1, 1998. An appropriate response to the Office Action in the form of a Response is enclosed herewith.

Please charge \$55.00, pursuant to 37 CFR §1.17, to the Deposit Account No. 20-1430. Please charge any additional fees or credit overpayment to the above Deposit Account. This Petition is submitted in triplicate.

Respectfully submitted,


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